

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the proposed) NOTICE OF
amendment of ARM 38.5.4111,) AMENDMENT
pertaining to interLATA and)
intraLATA PIC change charges)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On December 8, 2005, the Public Service Commission published MAR Notice No. 38-2-192 regarding the proposed amendment of the above-stated rule at page 2440 of the 2005 Montana Administrative Register, issue number 23.

2. The PSC has amended the rule as proposed, but with the following changes, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

38.5.4111 CHARGES

(1) remains as proposed.

(2) In cases in which customers change both their intraLATA PIC and their interLATA PIC at the same time to either the same carrier or to separate carriers, a single only one of the following PIC change charges shall apply: ~~That single PIC change charge shall be one of the following:~~

(a) and (b) remain as proposed.

(c) the total of one-half of the associated intraLATA PIC change charge plus one-half of the associated interLATA PIC change charge. (Each one-half charge may be shown separately on the customer bill.)

(3) remains as proposed.

3. The proposed amendment was noticed as "no public hearing contemplated." No public hearing was requested. The following comments were received, along with the PSC response:

Comments: A request to modify the proposed amendment was made by Citizens Communications of Montana, d/b/a Frontier Communications of Montana (Frontier). Frontier explains that it has recently modified its computer billing system such that interLATA change charges and intraLATA change charges are listed separately on customer bills. Frontier is concerned that if the proposed amendment is not modified Frontier will have to alter its billing system in order to comply with the "single PIC change charge" requirement. The Montana Telecommunications Association filed comments in support of the proposed amendment and Frontier's suggested revision to the proposed amendment.

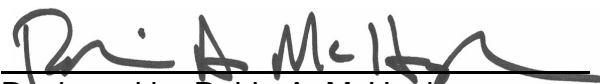
Response: The PSC agrees the proposed amendment should be revised to address Frontier's concern. Addressing Frontier's concern will not affect the total charge that can be imposed on customers as a result of the rule. Although the

language of the proposed amendment has been changed to address Frontier's concern, it has not been changed exactly as suggested by Frontier.

Certified to the Secretary of State January 13, 2006.

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Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Public Service Commission

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Reviewed by Robin A. McHugh

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